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FM AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

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INFO AMEMBASSY KINGSTON PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: CARIBBEAN HEALTH MINISTERS CONFERENCE

REF: (A) STATE 136759 (B) GEORGETOWN 0839 (C) STATE 136803

1. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POSED REF A AS FOLLOWS:

(A) MEMBERSHIP IN CRICOM IS GAINED BY APPLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL BY CARICOMLPQEMEZU#STATES. "MEMBERSHIP" IS INAPPROPRIATE WORD IN REFERRING TO HEALTH MINISTERS CONFERENCE. INVITATIONS WERE ISSUED TO ALL CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES, BOTH ENGLISH SPEAKING AND NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING. OBSERVER DELEGATIONS WERE INVITED FROM UNITED STATES, SURINAM, AND NETHERLANDS ANTILLES.

(B, G, D) CARICOM SECRETARIAT FUNDED BY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBER STATES. THERE IS NO RPT NO CHMC SECRETARIAT NOR ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC CHMC PROGRAMS. CHMC IS SIMPLY ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT WHICH

HEALTH MINISTERS MEET, DISCUSS COMMON PROBLEMS, EVALUATE PROGRESS AND SEEK TO COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS. HOST COUNTRY BEARS COSTS OF CONFERENCE FACILITIES WHILE EACH DELEGATION MEETS ITS OWN EXPENSES. (E) VOTES AT CHMC ARE MERELY ON NON-BINDING RECOMMENDATIONS.

(F) CARICOM RECEIVES SOME UN ASSISTANCE IN AREAS UNRELATED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HEALTH MINISTERS CONFERENCE. EMBASSY BELIEVES CONFERENCE ITSELF MAY

BE PARTLY SUPPORTED BY PAHO/WHO.

2. PRECISE LANGUAGE ON THESE POINTS MAY BE FOUND IN CARICOM BASIC DOCUMENTS WHICH SHOULD BE ON FILE WITH DEPT (ARA/CAR) AND DEPT OF COMMERCE (BIC/OIM). CHMC DOCUMENTS AND INVITATION TO U.S. OBSERVER DELEGATION WRE FORWARDED TO DEPT IN MARCH (GEORGE-TOWN A-36) AND SET OF CONFERENCE WORKING PAPERS WAN SENT TOIO/OIC LAST WEEK.

3. AS EMBASSY ADVISED DEPT (REF B), DR. BOYD, CHIEF OF CARICOM HEALTH SECTION, DEPARTED GUYANA FOR JAMAICA ON JUNE 10. OTHER CARICOM OFFICIALS NOT FULLY INFORMED ON ACTIVITIES OF HEALTH SECTION. DEPT MAY WISH TO ADDRESS FURTHER QUESTIONS ON CHMC TO AMEMBASSY KINGSTON WHICH IN TURN COULD CONTACT DR. BOYD.

4. EMBASSY HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM WHETHER PUERTO RICO WAS SENLIFORMAL INVITATION TO PARTICIPAT IN CHMC ON ITS OWN BEHALF. WE HOPE TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION FROM CARICOM OFFICIAL SHORTLY AND WILL CABLE TEXT OF INVITATION IF AVAILABLE. FYI. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT DR. BOYD CABLED MR. LOUIS AGRAIT, INPUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ON JUNE 10 AND TOLD HIM

QUOTE INFORMED BY US AUTHORITIES THAT OFFICIAL FROM PUERTO RICO WILL BEINCLUDED IN US DELEGATION.  
UNQUOTE.

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5. EMBOFF HAS JUST LEARNED FROM CARICOM HEALTH SECTION OFFICIAL THAT PUERTO RICO WAS NOT RPT NOT FORMALLY INVITED TO SEND OBSERVER DELEGATION TO CHMC. AMEMBASSY KINGSTON MAY WISH TO CONFIRM THZ INFORMATION WITH DR. BOYD..

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